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Response to July 6, 2007 Final Office Action

REMARKS

In response to the final Office Action dated July 6, 2007, the Assignee respectfully requests continued examination and reconsideration based on the above amendments and on the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-12, 14-29, and 31-47 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 5, 13, and 30 have been, or were previously, canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Rejection of Claims over *Armstrong*

The Office finally rejected claims 1, 3-4, 6-12, 14, 16-19, 21-29, and 31-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent 6,807,423 to *Armstrong, et al.*

These claims, however, are not obvious over *Armstrong*. These claims recite, or incorporate, features that are not taught or suggested by *Armstrong*. Independent claim 1, for example, recites "translating the second user's profile information into a code number" (emphasis added). Support for these features may be found in the as-filed application at page 3, lines 1-5. Independent claim 1 also recites "retrieving the second user member's code number and using the code number as a pointer to retrieve the second user's profile information" (emphasis added). Support for these features may be found in the as-filed application at page 14, lines 1-2 and at page 14, lines 17-20. Independent claim 1 is reproduced below, and independent claims 12, 24, 37, and 43 recite similar features.

1. A method for presenting presence information to a first user, comprising:

- storing profile information associated with a second user, with the second user's profile requiring a password to access the profile information;
- translating the second user's profile information into a code number;
- exchanging the second user's code number and password with the first user, thus allowing the first user to access the second user's profile information;
- receiving a request to initiate contact with the second user;